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The amendment filed on March 4, 2003 amending all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The claims are not readable on the elected invention because the species of Figure 3a does not depict spacing elements.

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